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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION  
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**To:** All Providers  
Managed Care Plans  
Regional Administrators  
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Medical Assistance Administration (MAA)

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**Subject: Year 2001 Healthy Options, Basic Health Plus, Primary Care Case Management, and CHIP Updates**

**Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2001,** the following changes will affect ALL Healthy Options (HO), Basic Health Plus (BHP), Primary Care Case Management (PCCM), and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) members.

**Healthy Options Changes**

- Regence Blue Shield and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan **will not** serve Healthy Options clients in year 2001.
- The following 12 counties will have voluntary Healthy Options enrollment:

Clallam	Columbia	Garfield	Grays Harbor
Jefferson	Kittitas	Lincoln	Pacific
Snohomish	Wahkiakum	Whitman	Yakima

Healthy Options-eligible clients living in the counties listed above can voluntarily choose to enroll with the available plan(s) in the counties that are accepting new clients, or the clients can choose fee-for-service. This means clients can go to any provider who accepts the Medical Assistance IDentification (MAID) card, at no cost to themselves to any Medical Assistance provider. The provider must then bill the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) directly. MAA will not automatically assign a plan to clients who do not choose a plan voluntarily. These clients would be fee-for-service.

- Asotin County is fee-for-service only. Clients may go to any Medical Assistance provider who accepts MAID cards. The provider must bill MAA directly.
- In a number of counties, changes have occurred to which plans are offered in the counties. See the ATTACHMENTS for details about service areas.

**Basic Health Plus Changes**

See the *Attachments* for details about service areas and managed care plans.

**Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Changes**

See the *Attachments* for details about service areas and managed care plans. Where there is only one managed care plan choice in a county, CHIP-eligible clients may choose to be fee-for-service or enroll in managed care. In the counties where there are two managed care plans, enrollment in one of the plans is mandatory. If you have questions about the CHIP program, you may contact Rich Pannkuk at (360) 725-1715 or email him at [pannkre@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:pannkre@dshs.wa.gov).

**Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) Changes**

American Indian/Alaskan Native clients enrolled with PCCMs have "PCCM" listed in the HMO column on their MAID card. The PCCM must be contacted prior to providing non-emergent managed care services. The name and telephone number of the PCCM is located in the bottom right-hand corner of the MAID. There are no changes in the primary care case managers for next year.

To obtain this memorandum electronically, access MAA's website at: <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov>. For more information on HO and BHP providers, see <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/ipndweb/>.

Attachments